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How Do I Manage My Used Tires?

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The information presented in this fact sheet is intended to provide a general overview of some of the requirements for managing used tires. It is to be used as a compliance assistance tool and does not replace statutory or regulatory requirements found in the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and Title 35 of the Illinois Administration Code. These requirements can be found online at www.ipcb.state.il.us.

? Why are tire dumps a concern?

Tire dumps constitute fire hazards that could produce toxic smoke and oil that can contaminate surface and ground water.

Water-filled tires provide a breeding habitat for mosquitoes that can carry dangerous diseases such as various forms of Encephalitis and West Nile Virus.

? What regulations apply to businesses that store used tires?

All tire retailers must file a notification form with the Illinois EPA. In addition, Illinois law requires businesses that store more than 50 used tires on their property to file an annual registration form with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA), and submit a \$100.00 annual fee.

A "used tire" is a worn, damaged, or defective tire that is not mounted on a vehicle.

? How can businesses qualify for an exemption?

Businesses may qualify for an exemption from the registration fee and other storage requirements if they store used tires:

Within a building or trailer or so that the tires are kept dry and never accumulate more than 1300 recyclable tires, 1300 tire carcasses, and 1300 used tires.

? Should businesses be concerned about their tire transporter?

Only tire transporters registered with the Illinois EPA may haul more than 20 used tires in a vehicle in Illinois. Businesses that generate used tires must have their tires hauled by a registered used tire

transporter. Records should also be maintained to document the date and number or weight of used tires removed from a site.

A registered used tire transporter must have a company-specific five digit registration number on both sides of the registered vehicle. The registration number will appear below the words "Registered Tire Transporter," and above an expiration seal that designates the date on which the registration shall expire. This is displayed in the picture below.



Contact the Illinois EPA Used Tire Unit or visit the Illinois EPA's Used Tire website for a list of commercial registered used tire transporters in your area.

? What additional requirements apply to tire retailers?

Tire retailers are required by Illinois law to:

- Collect from their customers a \$2.50 fee for each new and used tire sold at retail to be paid to the Illinois Department of Revenue via a quarterly tax return (ST-8) and deposited into the Used Tire Management Fund. A collection

allowance of 10 cents per tire can be retained by retailers. This fee must be stated as a distinct item separate and apart from the selling price of the tire.

- Accept used tires from a customer for recycling in a quantity equal to the number of new tires purchased by the customer.
- Not allow used tires to accumulate for more than 90 days.
- Conspicuously post a written notice of at least 8.5 by 11 inches that includes the universal recycling symbol and the following statements: "DO NOT put used tires in the trash"; "Recycle your used tires"; and "State law requires us to accept used tires for recycling in exchange for new tires purchased".

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For more information on the topic, contact:

Illinois EPA Small Business Office Environmental Help Line
toll free at (888) 372-1996

Illinois EPA Used Tire Unit (217) 785-8604

Visit the Illinois EPA Used Tire Program website at:
www.EPA.state.il.us/land/tires/index.html

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